

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) An adhesive product for adhering wood pieces together comprising:

- a backing strip of release material; and
- a curable gelled adhesive on the backing strip;

the adhesive when fully cured and adhering the wood pieces together having an adhesive strength of at least about 8 Mpa as measured according to British Standard BS EN 205: 1991, Annex A.

28. (Previously presented) An adhesive product according to claim 27 wherein the gelled adhesive comprises an adhesive resin and a gelling agent.

29. (Previously presented) An adhesive product according to claim 28 wherein the gelling agent comprises a gelling colloid.

30. (Previously presented) An adhesive product according to claim 28 wherein the gelling agent comprises a combination of a colloidal silica and an electrolyte.

31. (Previously presented) An adhesive product according to claim 30 wherein the electrolyte comprises a phosphate salt.

32. (Previously presented) An adhesive product according to claim 28 wherein the adhesive resin is a vinyl acetate-based resin.

33. (Previously presented) An adhesive product according to claim 29 wherein the adhesive resin is a vinyl acetate-based resin.

34. (Previously presented) An adhesive product according to claim 28 wherein the gelled adhesive further comprises a coalescing solvent.

35. (Previously presented) An adhesive product according to claim 32 wherein the gelled adhesive further comprises a coalescing solvent.

36. (Previously presented) An adhesive product according to claim 28 wherein the gelled adhesive further comprises polyvinyl alcohol.

37. (Previously presented) An adhesive product according to claim 27 wherein the adhesive is in the form of a layer of the adhesive on the backing strip.

38. (Previously presented) An adhesive product according to claim 27 which is in the form of a tape.

39. (New) An adhesive product in the form of a tape for adhering wood pieces together comprising:

a backing strip of release material; and

a layer of a curable gelled adhesive on the backing strip, the gelled adhesive comprises an adhesive resin and a gelling agent;

the adhesive when fully cured and adhering the wood pieces together having an adhesive strength of at least about 8 Mpa as measured according to British Standard BS EN 205: 1991, Annex A.

40. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 39 wherein the gelling agent comprises a gelling colloid.

41. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 39 wherein the adhesive resin is a vinyl acetate-based resin.